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## **State Historical Society Authors to Speak at Center for Western Studies Conference**

PIERRE, S.D.—Five South Dakota State Historical Society Press authors will speak at the Dakota Conference at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls this Friday and Saturday.

Jon K. Lauck, John E. Miller and Donald C. Simmons, Jr., editors of *The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture*, head a panel of distinguished scholars that will discuss their book, as well as its larger implications in the history of the state and the study of regional politics and history. The panel takes place Saturday, April 28, from 7:55–10 a.m. CDT. *Argus Leader* writer Jonathan Ellis will chair the panel.

Suzanne Barta Julin will present a paper based on the work that led to her book, *A Marvelous Hundred Square Miles: Black Hills Tourism, 1880–1941*. Julin's book received the Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. Julin will speak Friday, April 27, from 1:15–1:45 p.m.

Michael L. Lawson, author of the 2012 One Book South Dakota *Dammed Indians Revisited: The Continuing History of the Pick-Sloan Plan and the Missouri River Sioux*, will address the many issues surrounding the creation of the Missouri River dam system and the lakes that we are all familiar with today. Lawson's presentation will take place from 7:55-8:25 a.m. on Saturday, April 28.

Virginia Hanson with the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives in Pierre will also make a presentation. "Indian Archives Project: Genealogical and Historical Resources at the South Dakota State Archives" is Friday, April 27, from 10:45-11:15 a.m.

For more information on the conference visit  
<http://www.augie.edu/cws/dakotaconference.html>.

Each book is available from the Center for Western Studies, direct from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press online at [www.sdshspress.com](http://www.sdshspress.com) or by phone at (605) 773-6009, or from most local bookstores.

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*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center*

*houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*